(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) The Drug Policy is still under review as such it would be premature to disclose the details at this stage.

**Vital Cancer Drugs**

3058. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in Hindustan Times on Thrusday the 5th September, 1991 under the heading of "Vital Cancer drug to cost iess";

(b) whether it is a fact that Etoposide Injection is exempted from custom duty being a life saving drug;

(c) whether it is also a fact that indigenous Etoposide Injection attracts excise duty of 20 per cent;

(d) if so, the reason for imposition of excise duty on indigenous production when the medicine has been terated as life saving;

(e) whether it is a fact that Government have received any request for exemption of excise duty; and

(f) if so, when and what steps have been taken to give relief to the cancer patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. It attracts excise duty and @ Basic Duty of 15 per cent plus 10 per cent of Basic excise duty as Special Excise duty.

(d) to (f) The proposal for excise duty exemption on indigenous production of Etoposide Injection has been received by this Ministry which is under consideration.

**Price of Pesticides**

@3059. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that prices for pesticides are increasing continuously;

(b) what are the retail prices of various pesticides, item-wise and year-wise for the last three years as also in the current year:

(c) the manner in which they are regulated: and

(d) what is the mechanism for ensuring quality control of the pesticides?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) The prices of pesticides insecticides and weedicides are neither fixed nor monitored by the Government.

(d) The Insect sides Act, 1968 and Rules framed tbereunder and specifica tions published by Bureau of Indian Stan dards provide a system for ensuring qua lity. For this purpose States have noti fied important functionaries for imposi tion to various provisions of the Act, like Insecticides Inspectors. Analysts, Licens ing Officers and Appellate Authorities, etc. The Central Government have also notified Central and Regional Laborato ries for analysis and augmenting the Sta tes' efforts for checking quality of pesti cides. Periodical review of quality con trol arrangements are made in the Zonal Conferences. State Governments have been advised to take all possible steps for launching prosecutions under the Insecticides Act against suppliers of 'sub- standard pesticides.

**Redaction in file prices of balk drags**

3060. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of certain bulk drugs were reduced in the

@Previously Unstarred question 2270, transferred from the 13th December, 1991.

beginning of the year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that prices of finished medicine based on these drugs have not come down;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) The requisite informa-tion to the extent available, has already been provided in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred question No. 673 answered on 28-11-1991.

**6-Amtna Pencillinic Add**

3061. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the compa nies in organised and small sector manu facturing 6-Amina Pencillanic Acid 6 APA) alongwith their capacity, individua lly; and

(b) whether Government are having any price control on this vital drug inter mediate used in the manufacturing of a Vide range of saving drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MO HAN): (a) To the extent information is available the names ot 6-APA manufac turers (for captive consumption/sale) are given in the statement annexed.

(b) As per the provisions of DPCO, 1987, Government is having price control OB scheduled balk drug and formu lation *As* 6-APA is a drag intermediate, it is out of price control. However while fixing prices of downstream products using 6-APA its price is worked ont taking ino eonsideatfcm the notified price of indigenous Pen G, and price of imported Pen. G in the ratio prescribed in the Pen. G distribution policy.

**Statement**

1. Cadila Laboratories
2. Lupin Laboratories
3. Duphar Interfran
4. AurobindO
5. Kopran limited
6. Armour Chemicals
7. Agjpi
8. SOL Pharma
9. Fermenta Pharma
10. Ranbaxy Labs.
11. TTK Pharma
12. Gujarat Lyka
13. Tini Pharma
14. Concord Pharma
15. Max India
16. Cepham Organics
17. Morepan
18. Mogems India
19. S & S Pharmaceuticals
20. Lyka Labs.
21. Unichem Labs.
22. Jay Shakii Chem.
23. Abner Pharnv.
24. Glaxo India
25. Malaviya Chem.
26. Dr. Reddy'r, Lab;.
27. SKF
28. Cepham Labs.
29. Alembic Chemicals
30. Pennysynth Chem.
31. Lawande.
32. Nirmal Drugs
33. Scaanmor
34. Weilcnem
35. jegzo and
36. Pharmachem

**Import of balk drugs at OF CIF**

3062. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY;
CHOWDHARY RAM' SEWAK;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of balk drags and formulation which accounted for